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CONTAINING THE FILE PROCESSING METHOD PROGRAM, IMAGING
DEVICE, AND RECORDING MEDIUM CONTAINING FILE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted as follows:

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- ☐ After the period specified above, but before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application and is accompanied by payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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Certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e)

- [] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] A copy of a Search Report from a corresponding foreign patent application is enclosed.
- [] A check in the amount of \$180 to cover the required fee is enclosed.
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180 to cover the required fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

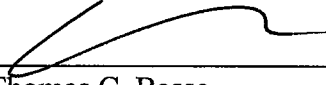
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

All of the cited references were cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on November 19, 2007 for corresponding Japanese application 2003-368818. Other references cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 11, 2007. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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